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	(ii) 3.48 lakh pumpsets installed. (iii) 98.67 lakh seed minikits of oilseeds, pulses and coarse grains distributed (upto December, 1987).
(2) Establishment of Farmers' Agro-service centres for custom hiring and popularisation of improved agricultural implements and hand tools.	(i) 363 Agro-service Centres established (upto 31-12-87). (ii) 29,934 demonstrations organised. (iii) 1,27,767 implements and hand tools distributed.
(3) Special Livestock breeding programme.	About 1.18 lakh farmers benefited (upto March, 1987).
(4) Lab-to-Land Programme.	24,708 farm families adopted by 102 Lab-to-Land programme Centres.
(5) Encouraging irrigation through the use of Sprinkler/drip system, hydrants/water turbines, man/animal operated pumps Hydrant.	Assistance provided for 11,176 sprinkler sets and 2,510 drip systems.

Besides, small and marginal farmers also derive some benefits from various Central/Centrally Sponsored schemes under which all classes of farmers are eligible for benefits.

(c) Lack of infrastructure was the major constraint in some of the schemes. However, steps are being taken to provide necessary support under the schemes for assisting a larger number of small and marginal farmers.

Controlling the production of inferior quality steel by the SAIL Units

*350. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to control the increasing production of inferior quality steel by the SAIL units; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures have been taken to correct the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Between 1985-86 to 1987-88 (April-January), there has in fact been a reduction in the production of defective material in SAIL Plants.

(b) Greater emphasis is being laid on quality control by constant monitoring of quality parameters, process control, testing and regular inspection at various stages of production.

Development of Beach Tourism

*351. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified new places for beach tourism in the country; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Places for beach tourism in the country are identified by the concerned State Governments.

(b) On the recommendations of the State Governments, the Central Depart-

ment of Tourism has sanctioned financial assistance for the following beach resorts/ beach cottages during the VII Five Year Plan:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	State	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	Andhra Pradesh	Construction of cottages at Rishikonda	20.80	5.00
2	Gujarat . . .	Cottages at Ahmedpui Mandvi	21 02	10.00
3	Gujarat . . .	Beach cottages at Nargole	30.17	10.00
4	Kerala . . .	Beach Resort at Kappad	46.69	8.00
5	Maharashtra . .	Cottages at Ganpathiphule	8.77	5.00
6	Maharashtra . .	Beach resort at Velneshwar	34.10	10.00
7	Tamil Nadu . .	Beach cottages at Kanyakumari	13.36	10 00
8	Tamil Nadu . .	Tourist Complex at Cuddalore	25.21	5 00
9	West Bengal . .	Tourist Lodge and cottages at Digha	40.17	20.00

Improvement in the working conditions of Farm Labour

*352. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniform Central legislation to improve the working conditions of farm labour in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to enact some laws to improve the conditions of farm labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No Central law has been enacted exclusively to improve the working conditions of farm labour. However, there exist Central enactments for regulating the working conditions of all workers, including labour engaged in agricultural occupations or employments.

(b) No, Sir.

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*353. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state what are the details of the decisions taken at the Conference of the State Ministers for Tribal Development held on 7th January, 1988 at New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): Details of the decisions made at the Conference of the State Ministers for Tribal Development held on 6th January, 1988 are given in the statement attached.

Statement

Important decisions made in the Conference of the State Ministers on Tribal Development held on 6-1-1988.

In the Conference of the State Ministers on Tribal Development held on 6th January, 1988 at New Delhi, there was general agreement on following issues.